

REMARKS

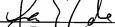
Claims 27-32, 34, 35, 40, and 49 are pending in the application with claim 27 amended herein and claims 33 and 48 canceled herein. Applicant appreciates the indication that claim 48 sets forth allowable subject matter. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116(b), the amendment herein merely cancels claims and complies with a requirement of form set forth in the Office Action and Applicant requests entry of the amendment.

Claims 27-35, 40 and 49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DiMeo, Jr. et al. (US 6,972,430) in view of Ohashi et al. (US 6,059,885), in further view of Yamamuka et al. (US 6,312,526). Applicant herein amends claim 27 to incorporate the entire subject matter of allowable claim 48. Amended claim 27 is thus patentable. The remaining claims depend from claim 27 and are patentable at least for such reason.

Applicant herein establishes adequate reasons supporting patentability of claims 27-32, 34, 35, 40, and 49 and requests allowance of all pending claims in the next Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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